

MADISON COUNTY HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES

February 4, 2008 10:00 AM  
Virginia City, MT 59755

Attendees: Paul McMullin, Tikker Jones, Keith Hokanson, Kathryn Nielsen, Steve Weddle, Katie Ward

Absentees: Ed Biga, Dax Schiffer, Janet Zimmerman, Karen Talley

Visitors: Maren Olsen, Representative for Danny Rehberg, Elissa Mitchell, Human Resource Council, Marilyn Ross, Madison County Commissioner, Tom Atkins, USDA Rural Development, Barbie Durham, Madison County Grant Coordinator

Marilyn Ross, Madison County Commissioner gave a background on housing and the Madison County Housing Task Force. She explained the process that was used to write the Madison County Housing Needs Assessment. Marilyn explained various housing needs the Task Force encountered throughout the county.

Steve Weddle asked Marilyn if Madison County currently has mandatory inclusionary affordable housing in their subdivision regulations. Marilyn explained that currently it is not mandatory, but the Planning Director talks to developers about voluntary affordable housing inclusion. This is one issue the Housing Board will look at.

1. Introduction of Board Members: Board members and attendees introduced themselves and gave a brief background on their interest in the Housing Board.
2. Election of Officers:
  - a) Motion made by Tikker Jones to elect Katie Ward as Chairman. Seconded by Steve Weddle, all in favor, motion carries.
  - b) Motion made by Katherine Nielsen to elect Tikker Jones as Vice Chairman. Seconded by Paul McMullin, all in favor, motion carries.
  - c) Barbie Durham, Madison County Grant Coordinator will be the Secretary.

At this point the meeting was turned over to Katie Ward, Chairman, Madison County Housing Advisory Board.

Katie Ward talked about a development she is working on in Alder. She told the Board about the water/wastewater cost to the project and trying to keep the costs to the purchaser down.

Katie suggested that the Board get up to speed first on available programs so as not to “re-invent the wheel”. It was agreed that the board should arrange for guest speakers at the next several meetings, that each Board member contact one community regarding their affordable housing programs, and that each Board member read the Madison County Housing Needs Assessment.

At the next meeting Katie commented we will identify our roles and goals as board members.

3. Terms – 3 one year, 3-two year, 3-three year terms
4. New Business:

Tom Atkins, Area Director for USDA Rural Development gave a presentation on housing and water/wastewater programs offered by USDA Rural Development. He explained that the Helena Rural Development office and the Bozeman Rural Development offices have been combined. Tom answered questions regarding the programs offered.

Marilyn explained that Great West Engineering has worked on many projects in Madison County.

Steve asked to have Dan McCauley with Great West Engineering attend a Housing Board meeting in the future.

The Board discussed and decided the best day and time for the monthly meeting. After discussion the Board decided to have the monthly meeting on the third Monday of each month at 4:30 pm. The meeting will be held in the Jury Room in the courthouse provided it is available. If it is unavailable the conference room at the Panky House will be used.

## 5. Public Comment